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touch on many issues of long standing (if avocational) interest to me, and I thank you for it!

I was startled enough at the remarks noted on p. 108 (attack) that I made some further enquiries. Telford Taylor, in "Munich" takes a more comprehending posture; but is not willing to be so critical. Sleas's memoirs are self-critical, but still leave plenty of objective grounds for fear of the Luftwaffe. And you may be interested in Col. Levy's (professional) assessment - which should be coupled with many accounts of Britain's lack of preparation for defense against air attack, so that unscathed bombers could still do heavy damage.

enc: Col Levy

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So, while British leaders can be faulted for their half-hearted commitment to rearmament 1938-1939 (though how can a U.S. national throw stones in this issue!), I suggest you reexamine the lack of "critical analysis." (One hopes the sheer volume of strategic-analytic effort today can augment our clarity of policy judgment in like proportion!)